

DNI to make recommendations to Congress on enhancing the Intelligence Community's ability to hire, promote, and retain highly qualified and experienced professional staff; **Pages H1804–05**

Andrews amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–438) requires the Director of National Intelligence to provide the Congress with a quarterly classified intelligence report on insurgent forces in Iraq. The report would contain intelligence on (1) the number of insurgent forces in Iraq, (2) the number of insurgent forces that are former members of the Ba'ath Party, (3) the number of insurgent forces that are members of al Qaeda or other known terrorist organizations, and (4) a description of where the insurgent forces are located, their capabilities and sources of funding; and **Pages H1805–06**

Renzi amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–438) makes findings with respect to the President's authority to protect national security information and the harm from unauthorized disclosures of classified information, and express the Sense of Congress that the President should utilize his constitutional authority to the fullest extent practicable (where warranted) to classify and protect national security information and take action against persons who commit unauthorized disclosures (by a recorded vote of 366 ayes to 56 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 106). **Pages H1806–08**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H1812**

H. Res. 774, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 103, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 102.

Pages H1774–85

Tax Relief Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House completed general debate on the McDermott motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006. Further consideration will resume at a later date. **Pages H1813–19**

Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted notification of his issuance of an Executive Order blocking property of persons in connection with the terrorist act in Beirut, Lebanon, on February 14, 2005 and to take additional steps to a national emergency with respect to the Government of Syria—referred to the Committee on International Relations (H. Doc. 109–100). **Pages H1819–20**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1750.

Senate Referrals: S. Res. 443 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-a-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1783–84, H1784–85, H1785, H1785–86, H1808, H1810–11, and H1811–12. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:01 a.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review the Federal Crop Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from John Hoeven, Governor, State of North Dakota; and public witnesses.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Oversight of Reform of the DOE Nuclear Weapons Complex. Testimony was heard from Clay Sell, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy; Gene Aloise, Director, National Resources and Environment, GAO; David Klein, Assistant to the Secretary, Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on USAID. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Randall L. Tobias, Administrator, U.S. Agency of International Development, Department of State.

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Testimony was heard from Carl J. Truscott, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Justice.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel approved for full Committee action

H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007.

GULF COAST RECOVERY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled "Gulf Coast Recovery: Facing Challenges and Coming Back Stronger in Education." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMUNICATIONS OPPORTUNITY, PROMOTION, AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act.

AMERICA'S CAPITAL MARKETS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "America's Capital Markets: Maintaining Our Lead in the 21st Century." Testimony was heard from former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich of Georgia; and public witnesses.

TITLE INSURANCE: COST AND COMPETITION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Title Insurance: Cost and Competition." Testimony was heard from Orice M. Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; Gary M. Cunningham, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Regulatory Affairs and Manufactured Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

TRANSIT ZONE OPERATIONS

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Transit Zone Operations: Can We Sustain Record Seizures and Declining Resources." Testimony was heard from James F. X. O'Gara, Deputy Director, Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy; RADM Jeffrey

Hathaway, USN, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force—South, Department of Defense; Michael Braun, Director, Operations, DEA, Department of Justice; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: RADM Wayne Justice, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Enforcement and Incident Management, U.S. Coast Guard; and MG Michael Kostelnick, USAF (ret.), Assistant Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection; and a public witness.

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT THRIFT SAVINGS ACT; REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing "Adding a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) Index Option to the Thrift Savings Plan: Considering the Views and Advisory Role of the Employee Thrift Advisory Council (ETAC)." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board: Gary A. Amelio, Executive Director; and Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, External Affairs; and public witnesses.

SAFE PORT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4954, SAFE Port Act.

IRAQ: UPDATE ON U.S. POLICY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Iraq: Update on U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from James Jeffrey, Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Coordinator for Iraq, Department of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; and BG Michael D. Jones, USA, Deputy Director, Politico-Military Affairs (Middle East), J-5, The Joint Staff.

ENDANGERED CHILDREN OF NORTHERN UGANDA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on the Endangered Children of Northern Uganda. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Jeffrey Krilla, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Leonard Rogers, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY IN CENTRAL ASIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia continued hearings

on U.S. Policy in Central Asia: Balancing Priorities (Part II). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary, South and Central Asian Affairs; and Drew W. Luten, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, U.S. Agency for International Development; James McDougal, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

U.S.-MEXICO RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S.-Mexico Relations. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth A. Whitaker, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Mexico, Canada, and Public Diplomacy, Department of State; John M. Melle, Deputy Assistant Trade Representative, North America, Office of the United States Trade Representative; Audrey Adams, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Department of Justice: Executive Office for United States Attorneys, Civil Division, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Executive Office for United States Trustees, and Office of the Solicitor General. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Michael Battle, Director, Executive Office for United States Attorneys; Peter D. Keisler, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division; Sue Ellen Woolridge, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division; and Clifford White, Acting Director, Executive Office for United States Trustees.

MISCELLANEOUS WATER MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1711, New Mexico Water Planning Assistance Act; H.R. 4750, Lower Republican River Basin Study Act; and S. 166, Deschutes River Conservancy Reauthorization Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Larry Todd, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 2, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 4975, to provide greater transparency with respect to lobbying activities, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Lead-

er and the Minority Leader, or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on the Judiciary, Rules, and Government Reform now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print dated April 21, 2006, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for purpose of further amendment, and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 4975, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 513, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 4975 and shall make appropriate conforming changes. The rule provides that after the passage of H.R. 4975, it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table S. 2349 and to consider the Senate bill in the House. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the Senate bill. The rule provides that it shall be in order to move to strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 4975 as passed by the House. The rule waives all points of order against that motion. Finally, the rule provides that if that motion is adopted and the Senate bill, as amended, is passed, it then shall be in order to move that the House insist on its amendment to the Senate bill and request a conference thereon. Testimony was heard from Chairman Tom Davis of Virginia and Representatives Daniel E. Lungren of California, King of Iowa, Gohmert, Shays, Leach, Hefley, Castle, Wicker, Shadegg, Kirk, Garrett of New Jersey, Conyers, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Waters, Meehan, Van Hollen, Waxman, Obey, George Miller of California, Doggett, Sherman, Bordallo, Emanuel, and Bean.

CUTTING THE TRADE DEFICIT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Cutting Our Trade Deficit: Can the U.S. Muster Its Diverse Trade Promotion Operations to Make an Impact?" Testimony was heard from Representative Mica; Franklin Lavin, Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. RAIL CAPACITY CRUNCH

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Rail Capacity Crunch. Testimony was heard from Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Frank Busalacchi, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CORPORATE COMMITMENT TO HIRING VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing on Corporate Commitment to Hiring Veterans. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing on operations and intelligence, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction, to hold hearings to examine drought issues, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the progress of implementing the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Michael Ryan Barrett, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Brian M. Cogan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of

New York, Thomas M. Golden, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Timothy Anthony Junker, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa, and Patrick Carroll Smith, Sr., of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina, S. 2557, to improve competition in the oil and gas industry, to strengthen antitrust enforcement with regard to industry mergers, S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, S. 2468, to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, S. 2292, to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges, S. 489, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, and S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine renewing the temporary provisions of the Voting Rights Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel L. Cooper, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to be followed by a hearing on issues relating to VA research, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the Futures Market and Gasoline Prices, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies, on SEC, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, to mark up H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, to mark up H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, to mark up H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Examining the Use of Non-Consensus Standards in Workplace Health and Safety," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on Pipeline Safety: A Progress Report Since the Enactment of the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.